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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Los Angeles – Authorities Arrest Dozens in Probe of Mexican Mafia Control in LA County Jails

(U) Federal authorities capped a sweeping investigation into the Mexican Mafia with criminal counts against dozens of the organization's members and foot soldiers yesterday, saying the charges were a bid to disrupt the gang's control inside Los Angeles County jails. Hundreds of local police and federal agents carried out coordinated raids in the Los Angeles area yesterday morning, taking into custody 32 people who are charged in two federal indictments, according to the US Attorney's Office. About three dozen others who are charged in the cases are currently serving time in state prisons or county jails.

SOURCE: 23 May 2018, [LA Times](#)

#### (U) Mountain View – Pro-ISIS Propaganda Finds Fertile Ground on Google Plus Platform

(U) Scores of pro-ISIS accounts and communities have found a home on Google Plus despite being purged from other social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook, according to a review by The Hill. The Hill found dozens of pages across Google's social media platform that explicitly show ISIS propaganda, give news updates directly pulled from ISIS media, and spread messages of hate towards Jews and other groups or show extremist imagery. The Google Plus accounts and communities sharing ISIS-linked content did little to hide their affiliation. Many openly professed their support of the terrorist group.

SOURCE: 23 May 2018, [The Hill](#)

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) California – Border Patrol Agents Arrest 10 Undocumented Immigrants in La Jolla

(U) La Jolla – Border Patrol agents spotted a smuggling boat heading toward the coast early yesterday and arrested 10 undocumented immigrants at a La Jolla intersection, according to authorities. Nine men and one woman who had come ashore near Wind-and-Sea Beach on a panga were arrested a block from the water, around 12:15 a.m. Those arrested were all Mexican citizens. Authorities said the panga was picked up by surveillance.

SOURCE: 23 May 2018, [San Diego Tribune](#)

#### (U) Texas – Call Leads to Discovery of 86 Immigrants in Semi-Truck

(U) Raymondville – An 18-wheeler filled with nearly 100 undocumented immigrants was stopped by Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers because someone called in a tip about the human cargo. During a news conference yesterday afternoon, US Border Patrol and DPS officials said a concerned citizen called about the possible smuggling operation inside the 18-wheeler. Officials say some of the immigrants got out of the trailer through an opening in the roof. The immigrants were from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, and Nicaragua.

SOURCE: 23 May 2018, [Valley Morning Star](#)

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**(U) NATIONAL****(U) Florida – US Veteran Pleads Guilty to Airport Killings to Avoid Death Penalty**

(U) Miami – A US veteran of the war in Iraq pleaded guilty yesterday to fatally shooting five people at the Fort Lauderdale International Airport in January 2017, in a deal approved by a federal judge that spared him the death penalty. Esteban Santiago, 28, agreed in US District Court in Miami to a plea deal that calls for him to serve five consecutive life sentences followed by 120 years in prison without a right to appeal. He is due to be sentenced on 17 August. Santiago retrieved a 9mm pistol and two clips of ammunition that he had checked on the flight and opened fire near a baggage carousel.

SOURCE: 23 May 2018, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Indiana – Brownsburg man, 20, Pleads Guilty to Trying to Join ISIS**

(U) Brownsburg – Akram I. Musleh, a US citizen, admitted in a plea agreement that from about April 2016 through 21 June 2016, he offered himself to ISIS, knowing it was a designated terrorist organization. Musleh's involvement with ISIS began on social media in 2013, according to court documents, when he posted videos of terrorist leaders. In at least one conversation with a suspected ISIS member, Musleh was urged to carry out attacks against members of the US military in Florida, according to court documents. In 2016, Musleh viewed a news article about an Indiana Department of Homeland Security list of about 8,500 potential targets in Indiana.

SOURCE: 23 May 2018, [Indy Star](#)

**(U) Texas – Mexico Arrests Drug Figure Linked to 2013 Southlake Murder**

(U) Southlake – Mexican police have arrested the brother of a drug cartel leader in connection to a murder in Southlake five years ago, Mexican authorities announced yesterday. Ramon Villareal Hernandez, a reputed financial head of the Beltran Leyva cartel, is being held in Mexico City and could be extradited to North Texas. Villareal, also known as Ramon V., is the brother of Jose Rodolfo Villareal Hernandez, widely considered to be the regional head of the organization in the Mexican state of Nuevo Leon. The FBI linked the cartel to the murder of Juan Guerrero Chapa in the Southlake Town Square in May 2013.

SOURCE: 23 May 2018, [NBC DFW](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Ukraine – US Seeks to Take Control of Infected Routers from Hackers**

(U) Kiev – The US government said late yesterday that it would seek to wrestle hundreds of thousands of infected routers and storage devices from the control of hackers who security researchers warned were planning to use the “botnet” to attack Ukraine. A federal judge in Pennsylvania gave the FBI permission to seize an internet domain that authorities charge a Russian hacking group known as Sofacy was using to control infected devices. The order allows them to direct the devices to communicate with an FBI-controlled server, which will be used to query location to pass on to authorities around the globe who can remove malware from infected equipment.

SOURCE: 23 May 2018, [Reuters](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – British Police Makes Arrests on Charges of Terrorism**

(U) Hertfordshire – British police said they arrested a 19-year-old man yesterday evening for the offence of preparation of terrorist acts. The arrest was made in Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and the man was taken into custody at a police station in South London, according to authorities. The event is linked to the arrest of a 18-year-old man last week for allegations of preparing for terrorist acts, as well as the arrest of a 20-year-old woman yesterday in South London for failure to disclose information about acts

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of terrorism. The police said it is continuing its search at Bishop's Sortford.

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